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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ESTC, LE, XH

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JABRE

REF: BEIRUT 3961

1. EDO, OEC/ CD/ SA INTERVIEWED JJ APRIL 6.

2. JJ HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM POTENTIAL Y- CUSTOMER FOR EQUIPMENT. SAAB REPORTEDLY CONTACTED RASHIDS. LATTER REPORTEDLY UNWILLING TO COVER FINANCIAL LOSS JJ MAY INCUR RESELLING STORED EQUIPMENT. SUBJECT AGREES THAT ACCOMODATION WITH OEC/ CD FOR RASHIDS' BENEFIT. THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD ASSIST FACILITATION AGREEMENT. RASHIDS WILL BE ASKED AGAIN, IN STRONGER TERMS, TO COVER SOME ANTICIPATED JJ LOSSES. CONSEQUENTLY, FINAL OEC/ CD- JJ AGREEMENT REMAINS PENDING.

3. DURING FOUR HOUR INTERVIEW JJ FURNISHED INFORMATION/ DOCUMENTS MAINLY AMPEX TRANSACTIONS. KEY DOCUMENTS MENTIONED BEIRUT 2668, PARA 2, MUST BE OBTAINED FROM LEBANESE CUSTOMS. SUBJECT PROMISED DELIVERY APRIL 9 AND POSSIBLY OTHERS FROM AMPEX FILES.

4. JJ IDENTIFIED ONE (SMALL) AMPEX SHIPMENT SPARE PARTS
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TO HIM, ALLEGEDLY MADE WITHOUT REQUISITE LICENSE. HE CONFIRMED BRATISLAVA TV GOT 4 UNITS VR 2000 VIA YUGOSLAVIA AS OEC/ CD SUSPECTED. SAME YUGOSLAV FIRM FUNNELED OTHER US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FROM SWISS FIRM, PROBABLY ESEC, TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. JJ STATED AMPEX FRANKFURT SOLD ONE VTR 3000 TO GDR IN 1971; FOUR VTR 2000 TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON 2/2/71; AND SIX VRT 2000 TO POLAND LAST YEAR.

5. JJ WILL NOT IDENTIFY LONG ISLAND CONTACT BECAUSE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONTACT STILL OPERATING.

6. ACCORDING JJ, BRUMAGE " FALL GUY" . JJ PAID BRUNAGE' S TRIP LONDON 3/4 MONTHS AGO; PASSED BRUMAGE SOME EXPENSE MONEY. JJ CLAIMS FIEBERT/ MANGO FULLY AWARE FAIRMONT EQUIPMENT Y- DESTINED. FAIRMONT REPS AT WESTBURY HOTEL MEETING RECEIVED JJ UNDER- TABLE MONEY, IN ADDITION TO FAIRMONT MARK- UP, TO ARRANGE DEAL- NO DOCUMENTARY PROOF HOWEVER.

7. IF DEAL CONCLUDED, JJ ALSO OFFERS FOUR SHOPPING LISTS, NOT YET FULLY DISSEMINATED (ONE USSR, TWO GDR, ONE PRC), INVOLVING SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS. INCLUDES LARGE GDR LIST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING " VERY SOPHISTICATED COLLINS RECEIVERS/ TRANSMITTERS" . JJ CONTINUES FRIENDLY/ COOPERATIVE, WISHES CLEAR UP DETROIT AFFAIR FOR SAAB' S SAKE AND HOPES CONCENTRATE IN FUTURE ON EXPANDED SOYBEAN PROCESSING BUSINESS.

8. NEXT INTERVIEW SCHEDULED APRIL 9.
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